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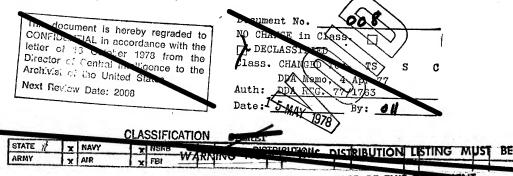
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- A "People's Peace Lovement," formed within the Legislative Yuan by CHANG Chien-hua (表替事) and LIU Pu-tung (到 天 同), is openly advocating a peace-at-any-price policy. Adherents of the movement are mainly progressive elements of the Kuomintang, while opponents are mainly in the CC Clique.
- 2. LI Tsung-jen and SHAO Li-tzu are privately backing the movement and urging its representatives to maintain contacts with minority party and Kuomintang Revolutionary Committee representatives in Shanghai. LI also is urging the group to expand and hopes to incorporate it among his following when the Generalissimo eventually leaves office.

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- t. The "People's Peace Movement" group represents the popular demand for peace which is becoming widespread throughout the country. Its members believe that by making an overt move over the opposition of the Generalissimo, they will gain a chance for proferential treatment under the new government. Nost of the members intend to try to stay behind in Nanking when the Generalissimo flees.)
- 3. Secret police in Nanking are stepping up arrests of individuals known to favor the retirement of the Generalissimo in the interest of securing peace. To date those arrested include no ranking officials, but all persons in that category are apprehensive that there will be wholesale arrests and assassinations when the Nationalist Government leaves Nanking. LI Tsung-jen states that such persons can find sanctuary for themselves and their families in any territory under the control of the Kwangei Clique. Comment 25X1A LI's statement is further indication of a break between the Kwangsi Clique and the Generalissimo.)



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